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It has been found in many places that the establishment of the above Confraternity has helped very much to promote the spiritual welfare of the Christian Soldier. Here, then, are some rules to help those who wish to form this pious union; and which may, of course, be adapted to particular circumstances.

RULES.

1. Those who are admitted into the Confraternity should endeavour to lead pure and holy lives; to love God above all things, and their neighbour as themselves, according to the words of our Blessed Redeemer, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

2. All who are able and not on duty are expected to attend every evening at the recital of the Rosary. All are earnestly exhorted to approach the Sacraments at least once each month. The brethren are also strongly recommended to attend Mass on week-days when they can, more especially should military duty have kept them

away on Sunday. They are also to bear in mind the duty of observing holidays of obligation as well as they are able.

3. The brethren are to be obedient to the prior and sub-prior. They are to love and help each other; and to be mindful of the duty of fraternal correction if they see any one going wrong by drunkenness, cursing and swearing, or bad company.

4. A Prior, Sub-Prior, and Secretary are to be chosen from amongst the Brethren one a year (oftener if necessary); and, if possible, on July 16th, the Festival of our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel.

5. The above Officers of the Confraternity are employed to receive and hold all collections and moneys of the Confraternity; for which they have to account to the Brethren at their general meetings, which shall be held once each month, on the day most convenient to all. At such meetings the monthly subscription is to be paid, and the names of Postulants for admission into the Confraternity will be proposed.

6. Postulants are to remain one month on probation; during which time they are expected to attend the evening devotions, and to give general good example. They will be admitted by ballot, or by consent of the chaplain.

7. The brethren shall each contribute a small monthly subscription, to be employed in purchasing candles for the altar, scapulars for the Brethren, and good books for a lending-library. On the death of a brother of the Confraternity, a Mass is to be offered for the repose of his soul. A Mass is to be offered likewise for the Brethren on the first Saturday in each month, and one for all deceased Brethren on the Saturday within the Octave of All Souls.

8. The Officers of the Confraternity have no power as to the disposal of its funds without the consent of the Brethren.

9. Should the conduct of any Brother be, unhappily, such as to cause scandal to others, it will be the duty of the Prior and Sub-Prior to warn him three several times. Should this, however, be in vain, his name will be erased from the confraternity-roll at the next meeting. If he afterwards repent, he may, on his own request, be re-admitted after a probation of six weeks.

Devotions for the use of the Confraternity of Mount Carmel.

† In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. R. Amen.

O Lord, open thou my lips.

R. And my mouth shall declare thy praise.

O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. As it was, &c.

Let us pray.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy inspirations, and further them with thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and through thee be likewise ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

Let us give thanks to God for all his mercies.

We thank thee, O good and merciful God, for all the blessings we have received from thee, particularly in this day. Amen.

V. What shall we return to the Lord for all that he hath given unto us?

R. We will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

V. Blessed be his holy Name.
R. Now and for evermore. Amen.

Let us pray for light to know our sins.

O divine Spirit of Truth, enlighten our minds and hearts, that we may see wherein we have offended God.

R. Amen.
V. Enlighten our eys, O God.
R. Lest we sleep in the shadow of death.
V. Prove us, O God, and know our hearts.
R. Examine us, and know our paths.
V. See if there be in us any evil way.
R. And lead us in the way of eternal life.

We confess unto thee, Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our fault, through our own most grievous fault.

Let us examine in what we have offended God; pause.

Of these, and all our other sins, now or at any former time committed, we most sincerely repent, and are heartily sorry for every thought, word, and deed, by which we have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indigna-

tion against us; especially for our disobedience to so holy a law, and our extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our iniquity. Wash us yet more from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create a clean heart in us, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. We beseech thee, O Lord, to hear us, and to have mercy upon us. And we beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for us.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us † pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. Amen.

Let us offer up the holy Rosary to the greater honour and glory of Almighty God for all the members of this confraternity, for the conversion of all sinners, for our own perseverance in grace, for the agonising, and for the holy souls in Purgatory. Let us offer it likewise for the intentions of our holy Father the Pope, that we may gain all the indulgences granted to this holy exercise.

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The Rosary.

Part I. THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

1. Let us contemplate, in the first joyful mystery, how the angel Gabriel saluted our Blessed Lady with the title "Full of grace," and declared unto her the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O Holy Mary, Queen of Virgins; through the most high mystery of the Incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, wherein our salvation was begun, obtain for us, through thy most holy intercession, light to understand the greatness of the benefit he hath bestowed upon us, in vouchsafing to become our Brother, and giving thee, his own beloved Mother, to be our Mother also. Amen.

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2. Let us contemplate, in the second joyful mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin St. Elizabeth had conceived, went with haste into the

mountains of Judea to visit her, bearing her divine Son within her womb, and remained with her three months.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O holy Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility; by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, through thine intercession, that our hearts being visited by thy divine Son, and freed from all sin, we may praise and give thanks to him for ever. Amen.

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3. Let us contemplate, in the third joyful mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O most pure Mother of God; through thy virginal and most joyful delivery, whereby thou gavest to the world thy only Son, our Saviour, we

beseech thee obtain for us, through thine intercession, the grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may become worthy to sing without ceasing the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

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4. Let us contemplate, in the fourth joyful mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the Temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God, with great devotion received him into his arms.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O holy Virgin, most admirable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present the Lord of the Temple in the Temple of God; obtain for us, of thy blessed Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anna, we praise and glorify him for ever. Amen.

Let us contemplate, in the fifth joyful mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem [through no fault of hers], sought him for the space of three days; and at length found him in the Temple, sitting

in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions, being of the age of twelve years.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O most blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was filled, when at length thou didst find thy well-beloved Son in the Temple, teaching in the midst of the doctors, obtain of him that we may so seek him and find him in his holy Catholic Church, as never more to be separated from him. Amen.

Salve Regina.

Hail, Queen, Mother of Mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope, hail. Exiles, children of Eve, we cry to thee. To thee we sigh, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Ah, then, our advocate, turn upon us those merciful eyes of thine; and after this our exile, show to us Jesus, the blessed Fruit of thy womb. O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin Mary.

v. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Hear, O merciful God, the prayer of thy servants; that we who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Memorare.

Remember, O Mary, most tender Virgin, it was never heard that any one ran to thy protection, implored thy help, or asked thy prayers, in vain. Filled with such confidence, Virgin of virgins, Mother, I run to thee; to thee I come, before thee I a weeping sinner stand. Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in thy pity hear and answer. Amen.

Hail Mary, &c.

V. Mary, refuge of sinners,
R. Pray for us.

PART II. THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

1. Let us contemplate, in the first sorrowful mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a sweat of blood, which ran down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O most holy Virgin, more than martyr; by that ardent prayer which our beloved Saviour poured forth to his heavenly Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that, our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the holy will of God. Amen.

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2. Let us contemplate, in the second sorrowful mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being about five thousand.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O Mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience; through those stripes thy only and much-beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of

him for us grace to mortify our rebellious senses, to avoid the occasions of sin, and to be ready to suffer every thing rather than offend God. Amen.

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3. Let us contemplate, in the third sorrowful mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O Mother of our Eternal Prince, the King of Glory; by those sharp thorns wherewith his sacred head was pierced, we beseech thee obtain, through thy intercession, that we may be delivered from all notions of pride, and escape that shame which our sins deserve at the day of judgment. Amen.

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4. Let us contemplate, in the fourth sorrowful mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore, with the most amazing patience, the cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O Holy Virgin, example of patience; by the most painful carrying of the cross, in which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of Him, through thine intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.

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5. Let us contemplate, in the fifth sorrowful mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet nailed to the cross in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, Mother of God; as the body of thy beloved Son was for us stretched upon the cross, so may we offer up our souls and bodies to be crucified with him, and our hearts to be pierced with grief at his most bitter Passion; and thou, O most sorrowful Mother, graciously vouchsafe to help us, by thy all-powerful intercession, to accomplish the work of our salvation. Amen.

Salve Regina, &c., as before, p. 12.

PART III. THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

1. Let us contemplate, in the first glorious mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O glorious Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou didst receive in the resurrection of thy Divine Son, we beseech thee obtain for us of him, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be for ever wholly employed in pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

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2. Let us contemplate, in the second glorious mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in the sight, and to the great admiration, of his most holy Mother, and his holy Apostles and disciples.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O Mother of God, comforter of the afflicted; as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands and blessed his Apostles, as he was parting from them, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him on our behalf, that we may enjoy the benefits of his blessing, and of thine, here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

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3. Let us contemplate, in the third glorious mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as he had promised, the Holy Ghost upon his Apostles, who after he was ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O sacred Virgin, Tabernacle of the Holy Ghost; we beseech thee obtain, by thine intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this

world the true way of salvation, and make us to walk in the path of virtue and good works. Amen.

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4. Let us contemplate, in the fourth glorious mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy Angles.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O most prudent Virgin, who, entering the heavenly palaces, didst fill the angels with joy and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that, being delivered from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state, to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

5. Let us contemplate, in the fifth glorious mystery, how the glorions Virgin Mary was, to the great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father once. Hail Mary ten times. Glory be to the Father.

Let us pray.

O glorious Queen of all the heavenly host; we beseech thee accept this Rosary, which, as a crown of roses, we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that, by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die within us until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

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Short Litany.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
St. Michael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
St. David,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
St. Victor,
St. Maurice,
St. Vitalis,
St. Longinus,
St. George,
St. Alexander,
St. Theodore,
St. Theophilus,
St. Sebastian,
St. Alban,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Martin,
St. Augustine,
St. Cuthbert,
All ye holy Bishops and Doctors,
St. Francis,
St. Vincent of Paul,
St. Ignatius,
St. Simon Stock,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
St. Benedict,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Louis,
St. Edward,
All ye holy Confessors,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Cecily,
St. Agnes,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Pray for us.

All ye Saints of God, *Make intercession for us.*
Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.*
V. Christ hear us.
R. Christ graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O Lord God of Hosts, who, to those who fight like Christian soldiers, givest victory upon earth and a crown of glory in heaven; grant, we beseech thee, through the intercession of thy saints, that, serving thee with fidelity as they did, and defeating the enemies of our salvation, we may also, like them, prove victorious upon earth, and with them triumph eternally in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

v. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of armies, the heavens and the earth are filled with the majesty of thy glory.

R. Glory be to the Father, &c.

v. As it was, &c.

Let us pray for the faithful departed.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

Let thine ears attend to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

For with thee there is propitiation: and because of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night; let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord;
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

R. Save us, O Lord, whilst we are awake, and keep us whilst we sleep, that we may watch with Christ and rest in peace. R. Amen.

V. Preserve us, O Lord, as the apple of thine eye.

R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night.

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have hoped in thee.

V. O Lord hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless us and preserve us from evil, and bring us to life everlasting; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES,

[*In reparation for blasphemy and bad language.*]

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Amen.

ACTS OF CONTRITION, FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE ACTS.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and Eternal God, grant unto us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what thou hast promised, make us to love and practise what thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest my sins most sincerely, not only because by them I have lost all right to heaven, and have deserved the everlasting punishment of hell, but especially because they displease thee, my God, who art so deserving of all my love, for thy infinite goodness, and most amiable perfections; and I firmly purpose, by thy holy grace, never more to offend thee.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O my God! I firmly believe that thou art one only God, the Creator and Sovereign Lord of Heaven and Earth, infinitely great, and infinitely good; I firmly believe, that in thee, one only God, there are three Divine Persons, really distinct, and equal in all things, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; I firmly believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, who became Man; was conceived by the Holy Ghost and was born of the Virgin Mary; suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us; arose the third day from the dead, and ascended into heaven; will come at the end of the world to judge mankind, and will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of hell. I believe these and all other articles which the holy Roman Catholic Church proposes to our

belief, because thou, my God, the infallible Truth, hast revealed them; and thou hast commanded us to *hear the Church, which is the pillar and the ground of Truth.* In this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die. *Matt.* xviii. 17, and 1 *Tim.* iii. 15.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God! who hast graciously promised every blessing, even heaven itself, through Jesus Christ, to those who keep thy commandments; relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on thy sacred promises, to which thou art always faithful, I confidently hope to obtain pardon of all my sins, grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded, and which, with thy assistance, I will perform; and eternal happiness in the next, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

Or of the love of God and of our Neighbours.

O my God! I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things; because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbour as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God! that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee for ever in heaven. Amen.

* Litany of the Blessed Virgin;

COMMONLY CALLED THE LITANY OF LORETTO.

Ant. We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chase,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,

Have mercy on us.

Pray for us.

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of Wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual Vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of singular devotion.
Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,

Pray for us.

Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

Ant. We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Defend, O Lord, we beseech thee, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin, this thy family, from all adversity; and mercifully protect us, who prostrate ourselves before thee with all our hearts, from the snares of the enemy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

The Angelus.

I. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

II. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary, &c.

III. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary, &c.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER.

Let us offer up a Pater and Ave and a Gloria to Almighty God, in Hopes we may gain all the Indulgences granted to the holy exercises of the Rosary.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

Let us offer up the following prayers in Honour of the B. V. Mary, holy Mother of God, in hopes she will recommend our few and feeble prayers to her divine Son, and supply all our defects in them. Oh! Most Amiable Mother of God, life passes swiftly away and death approaches. Oh! when that awful moment arrives, be though unto us, we beseech a most tender mother, and dispose of the Heart of thy blessed Son favourably towards us.

Hail Mary.

Oh! Most holy and Adorable Trinity, as it was by thee we began our devotions, so it is by thee we desire to conclude them. Suffer us not to depart this night without thy blessing; give it to us. Oh! Merciful Father, and may it always remain with us, and may its influence always direct our actions, and may it be a sure pledge of that final benediction which thine elect will one day receive when called by thee to thy Kingdom of Eternal Glory.

Let us conclude our present devotions this night by placing ourselves under the protection of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the peace and blessing of Almighty God Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend down on us, and dwell in our hearts now and for ever more. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Office

OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

At Matins.

V. Now let my lips sing and display,
R. The blessed Virgin's praise this day,
V. O Lady, to my help intend,
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail, Lady of the world,
Of Heaven bright Queen!
Hail, Virgin of virgins,
Star early seen!
Hail full of all grace,
Clear light divine;
Lady, to succor us,
With speed incline.
God, from eternity,
Before all other,
Of the world thee ordain'd

To be the Mother.
By which he created
The heavens, sea, land :
His fair spouse he chose,
Free from sin's band.

V. God hath elected and pre-elected her.
R. He hath made her dwell in his tabernacle.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary ! Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven, and Mistress of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins : that I, who with devout affection do now celebrate thy Immaculate Conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss ; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a Virgin didst bring forth ; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God in perfect Trinity, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. O Lord ! hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithfull departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Prime.

V. O Lady! to my help intend,
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail, Virgin most prudent,
House for God placed,
With the sevenfold pillar
And table graced.
Saved from contagion
Of the frail earth:
In the womb of thy parent
Saint before birth.
Mother of the living,
Gate of Saints' merits,
The new star of Jacob,
Queen of pure Spirits.
To Zabulon fearful:
Armies' array;
Be thou of Christians
Refuge and stay.

V. He hath created her in his holy Spirit.
R. And hath poured her out over all his works.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary! Mother of our Lord, &c., *as before*, *p.* 33.

Comfort of mourners,
  Garden of pleasure;
Palm tree of patience,
  Chastity's measure.
Thou land sacerdotal,
  Art blessed wholly,
From sin original
  Exempted solely;
The city of the Highest,
  Gate of the East;
Virgin's gem, in thee
  All graces rest.

v. As the lily among thorns;
R. So my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary! Mother of our Lord, &c., *as before, p.* 33.

v. O Lord! hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
v. Let us bless our Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
v. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Ninth.

V. O Lady to my help intend,
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail, city of refuge,
King David's tower
Fenced with bulwark,
And armour's power,
In thy Conception
Charity did flame,
The fierce dragon's pride
Was brought to shame.

Judith invincible,
Woman of arms,
Fair Abisaig, Virgin,
True David warms,
Son of fair Rachael
Did Egypt store;
Mary of the world
The Saviour bore.

V. Thou art all fair, O my beloved!
R. And original spot was never in thee.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, &c., *as before, p.* 33.
V. O Lord hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Even-Song.

V. O Lady! to my help intend,
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail, dial, in which
  Turns retrograde
The sun ten degrees;
  The Word is flesh made.
That man from hell pit
  To heaven might rise,
Th' immense above Angels
  In stable lies.
This Son did on Mary
  Betimes appear,
Made her Conception

A morning clear.
Fair Lily among thorns,
That serpent frights,
Clear moon that in dark
The wanderer lights.

V. In heaven I made a never-failing light rise,
R. And I covered all the world as a mist.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary, &c., *as before, p.* 33.
V. O Lord! hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Complin.

V. Let thy Son, Jesus Christ, O Lady! pacified by thy prayers, convert us;
R. And turn his anger from us.
V. O Lady! to my help intend,
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

Hail, flourishing Virgin,
Chastity's renown;

Queen of clemency,
  Whom stars do crown.
Thou pure above Angels
  Dost Son behold,
Sitt'st at his right hand,
  Attired in gold.
Mother of grace, hope
  To the dismay'd:
Bright star of the sea,
  In shipwreck, aid.
Grant Heaven-gate open,
  That by thee blest,
We thy Son may see
  In blissful rest.

V. Thy name, Mary! is oil poured out.
R. Thy servants have exceedingly loved thee.

Let us pray.

O holy Mary! Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of heaven, and Mistress of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with an eye of pity and obtain for me of thy beloved Son, pardon of all my sins; that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy Immaculate Conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and

mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a Virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth, &c.

V. O Lord! hear my prayer;

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Commendation.

To thee, Virgin pious,
We humbly present
These hours canonical
With pure intent.
Guide pilgrims, until
With Christ we meet:
In our agony aid us,
O Virgin sweet. *Amen.*

This Anthem following, with the Prayer of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin, is approved of by Pope Paul V., who hath granted a hundred days of indulgence to all faithful Christians, that shall devoutly recite the same.

Anthem.

This is the branch, in which was neither knot of original, nor bark of actual sin found.

V. In thy Conception, O Virgin! thou wast immaculate.

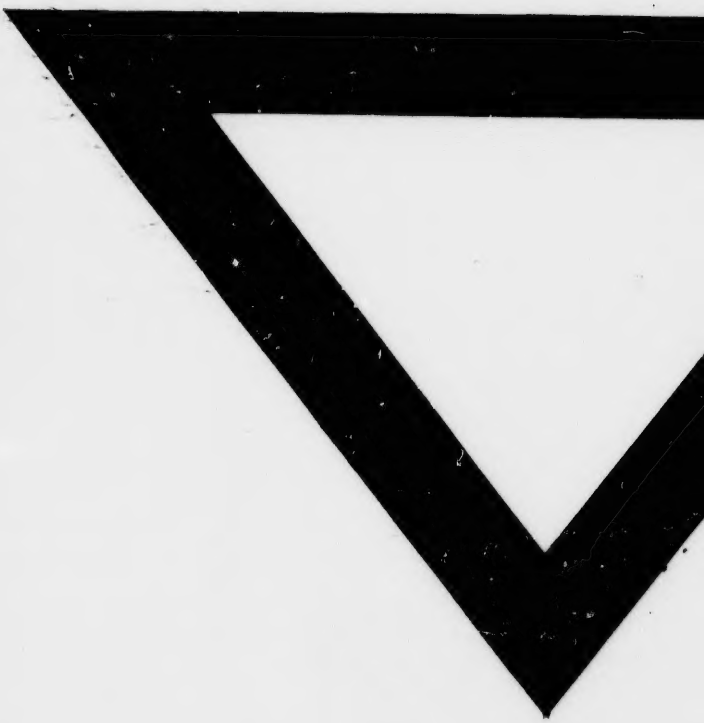
R. Pray unto the Father for us, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

Let us pray.

O God! who by the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin, didst prepare a fit habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee, that, as by the foreseen death of her same Son, thou didst preserve her pure from all spot, so likewise grant, that we, by her intercession made free from sin, may attain unto thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be daily said by those who carry about them an Agnus Dei.

O MY Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb that takest away the sin of the world! by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honour, as a preservative against my own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility, and innocence, which thou

hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love, thou offeredst for me on the Cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odour of sweetness. *Amen.*

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